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ABBREVIATED ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
TO THE BRIDPORT RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1943.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF

Medical Officer of Health	Adam Armit, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.
Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor (Temporary)	Charles Lowe, A.R.S.I.
Veterinary Surgeon (part-time) ...	K.I. Marshall, M.R.C.V.S.
Clerk to the Medical Officer	Miss A.M. Johnson.

STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Rateable Value	£32,690
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£139

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

Birth Rate per 1,000 resident population	12.68
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated average population ...	13.1
Deaths from Special Causes: -	
Cancer represents the cause of	11% total deaths
Heart Disease " " " "	20% " "
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births ...	Nil
Infantile Death Rate per 1,000 total births	33.33

Comparison Tables.

	Bridport Rural District.	England and Wales.	Smaller Towns.
Birth Rate	12.68	16.5	19.4
Infantile Mortality Rate	33.33	49.	58.
Maternal Mortality Rate	0	1.84	-
Death Rate	13.1	12.1	15.

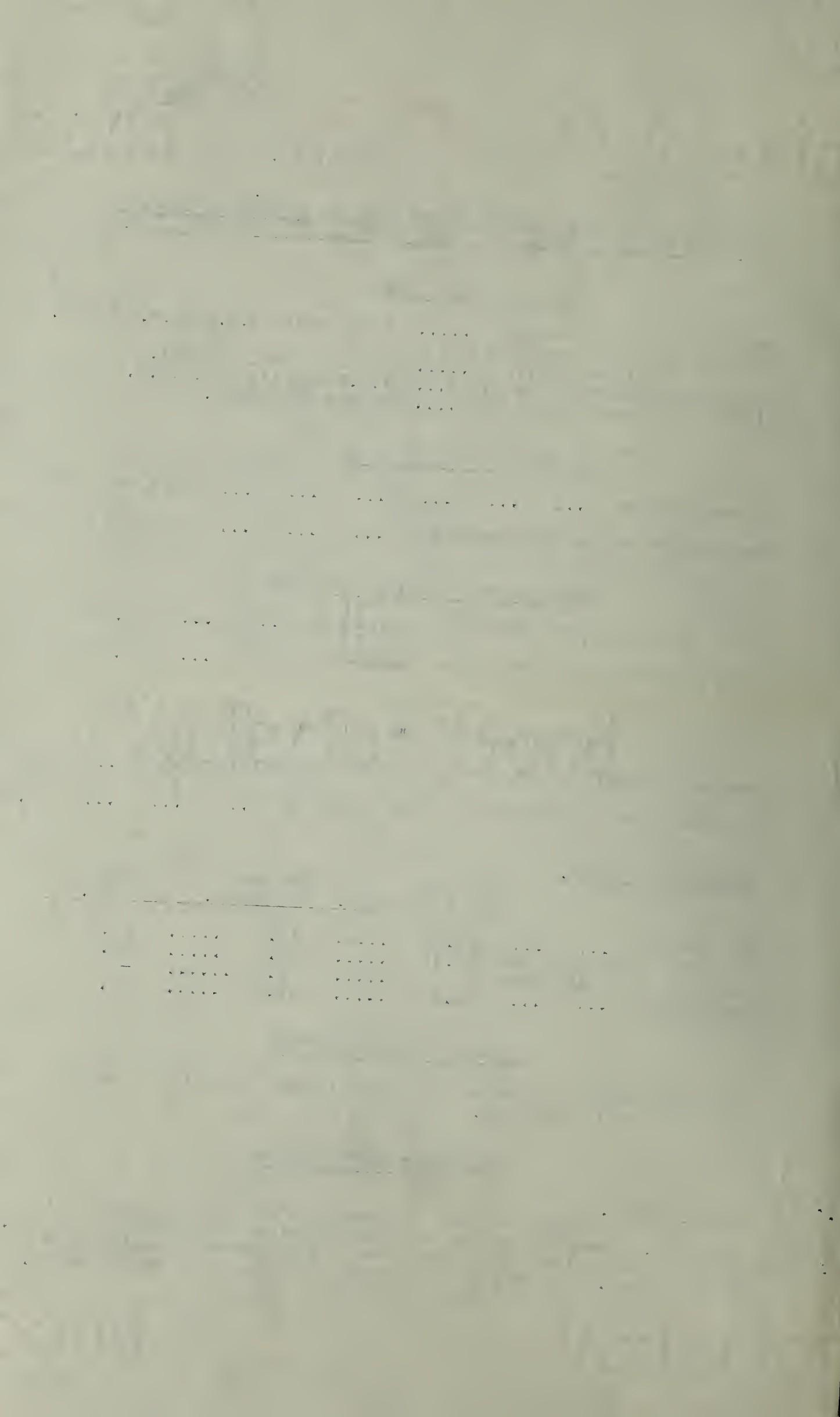
GENERAL HEALTH SERVICES

There has been no alteration in the general provision of health services during the year.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

Water Supply.

There has been no change in the water supply during the year. Seventeen bacteriological examinations were carried out. Samples for analysis are taken from the Charmouth supplies four times a year. Chlorination is constantly employed at Charmouth.



Drainage and Sewerage.

No new works have been carried out during the year, and deficiencies remain as before. Crude sewage is still being run into the rivers at Charmouth, Chideock and Burton Bradstock, and I hope the Council will take steps to have this sewage treated before running the effluent into the rivers.

Sanitary Inspections.

Number of Inspections for all purposes ...	157
Number of Informal Notices ... 22	No. complied with ... 20
Number of Statutory Notices ... 4	No. complied with ... 4

HOUSING

Inspection of Dwelling Houses.

Total number of houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts)	18
Number of inspections made for the purpose.....	36
Number of dwelling houses (included under subsection above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1934	Nil
Number of Inspections made for the purpose.....	Nil
Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	17

Remedy of Defects without Service of Formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of action informally taken by the Local Authority	7
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Action under Statutory Powers.

Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	2
Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after the service of formal notice	2
Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	8
Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied by owners after service of formal notice	8

Housing. Continued.

New Houses.

Total number of new houses erected during 1943	Nil
Number of houses owned by Local Authority	84
Approximate number of working class houses in the district.....	1,650

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk Supply.

Cowsheds and Dairies: -

Number of persons on Register at end of 1943	238
Number of Dairy Farms and other Dairy premises on Register at end of 1943	228
Number of Dairy Farms inspected during 1943	189
Number of inspections made for the purpose.....	265
Number of Notices served	10
Number complied with	9

Milkshops: -

Number of Milkshops inspected during 1943	Nil
Number of inspections made for the purpose	Nil
Number of Notices served	Nil
Number complied with	Nil

No samples of milk were taken for analysis.

Meat Supply.

The meat supply comes from a slaughterhouse in the Parish of Symondsbury, where all slaughtering of animals is done for West Dorset. The meat is inspected on these premises by a veterinary surgeon appointed for the purpose.

Food and Drugs Act.

Twenty-seven tins of various foodstuffs, and thirty-one pounds of dried fruits were condemned as unfit for human consumption.

RODENT CONTROL

West Dorset Authorities agreed to be a "workable area" under the Rats and Mice Destruction Act, and a Rodent Officer was appointed to make a survey of the Rural Districts of Beaminster and Bridport. Bridport Rural District Council applied to the Dorset County Council for delegated powers under the above Act; these were granted on 3rd January 1944.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

There were sixty-two cases of notifiable infectious disease in the District during the year ; as follows: -

- 4. -
(Continued.) Infectious Disease.

21 cases of Measles.
 10 " " Whooping Cough
 9 " " Scarlet Fever.
 6 " " Pneumonia.
 6 " " Pulmonary Tuberculosis.
 4 " " Non-pulmonary Tuberculosis.
 3 " " Erysipelas.
 2 " " Cerebro-Spinal Fever.
 1 " " Ophthalmia Neonatorum.

(A table of incidence is appended).

From the Schools the following cases of infectious and other diseases were reported: -

43 cases of Mumps.
 15 " " Influenza
 14 " " Chickenpox.
 13 " " Impetigo.
 8 " " Scabies.
 8 " " Vermin.
 6 " " Whooping Cough
 5 " " Measles.
 4 " " Septic Sores.
 2 " " Colds.
 1 " " Tonsilitis.
 1 " " Ringworm.

TUBERCULOSIS

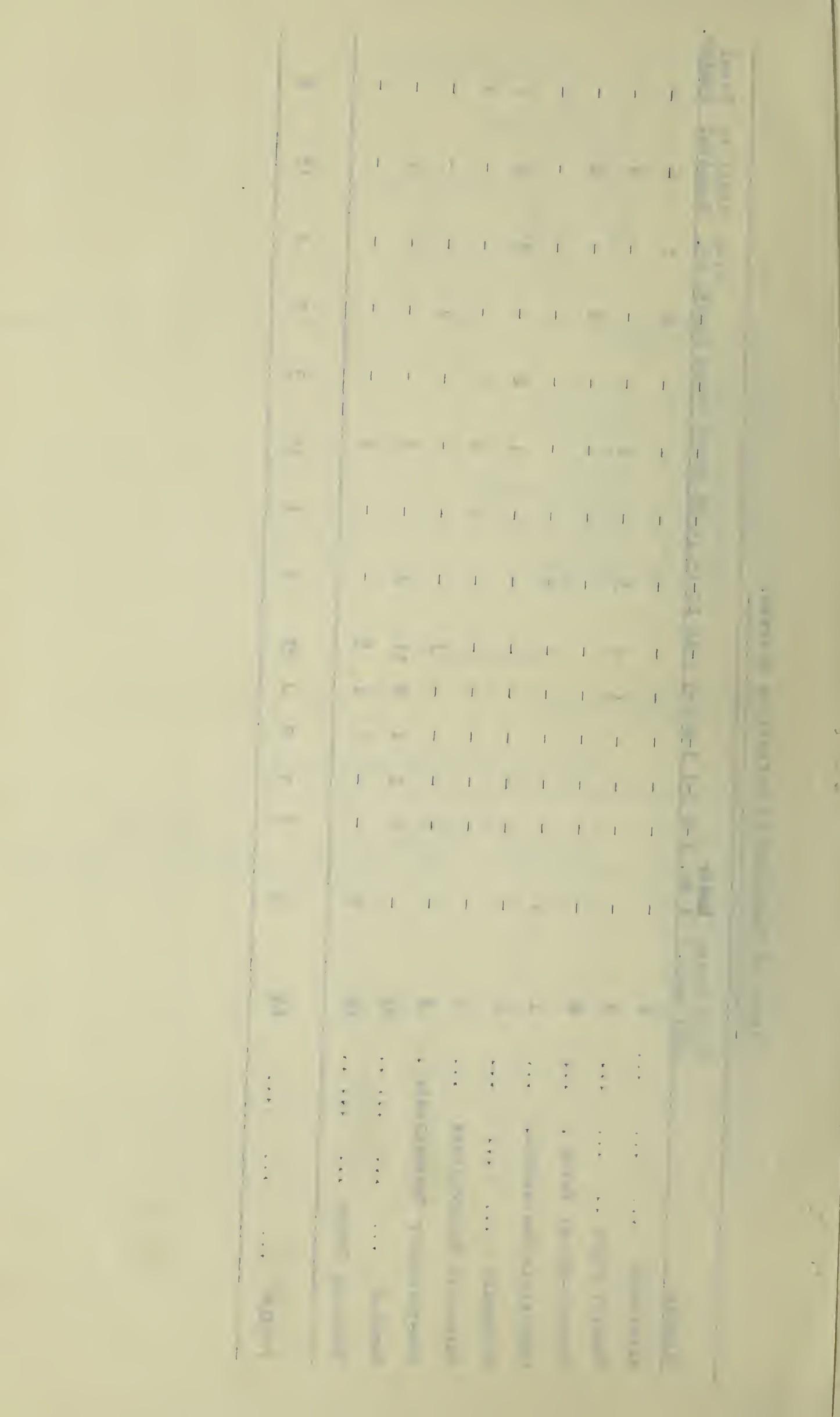
There were sixteen new cases of Tuberculosis, and two deaths, both pulmonary cases.

Table of New Cases and Mortality.

Age Periods.	NEW CASES						MORTALITY			
	Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary.		Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary.			
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0-15 ...	-	-	-	-	3		-	-	-	-
15-25 ...	1	5	-	-			-	-	-	-
25-35 ...	3	2	-	-			-	1	-	-
35-45 ...	1	1	-	-			-	1	-	-
45-65 ...	1	-	-	1			-	-	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-			-	-	-	-
TOTALS ...	6	6	-	4			-	2	-	-

Table of Incidence of Infectious Disease.

Disease	Total cases Under all ages.			1 yr.			2-3			3-4			4-5			5-10			10-15			15-20			20-35			35-45			45-65			Over 65.			Total Deaths.		
							
Erysipelas	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-								
Scarlet Fever	9	-	-	-	-	1	4	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-									
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	*	*	*	*	*	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-									
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	*	*	*	*	*	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-									
Pneumonia	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	1	-	-	-									
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	*	*	*	*	*	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-								
Non-pulmonary Tuberculosis	*	*	*	*	*	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-								
Measles	21	-	-	2	1	1	2	11	1	-	2	1	1	2	11	1	-	-	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-								
Whooping Cough	*	*	*	*	*	10	2	-	-	1	1	5	-	-	-	1	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-								
TOTALS	62	3	2	1	2	4	23	4	1	10	3	5	4	13	2	1	10	3	5	4	1	10	3	5	4									



DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

Table showing position up to 31.12.43 in Schools.
 (5 - 15 age group).

School.	Total on Register Dec. 1943.	Temp'y Locals.	Resi-dents.	Total Locals Imm'd.	Total Temp'y Res: Imm'd.	Percent Locals Immun'd.
Visitation Convent School	214	142	72	136	66	96%
Askerswell	21	21	-	18	-	85%
Bradpole	72	62	10	61	8	98%
Burton Bradstock..	47	40	7	39	7	98%
Charmouth	70	63	7	63	7	100%
Chideock Coucnil..	31	31	-	31	-	100%
Chideock R.C.....	41	22	19	22	19	100%
Loders	40	29	11	28	10	94%
Litten Cheney	40	32	8	27	4	84%
Puncknowle & Swyre	45	35	10	30	7	86%
Shipton Gorge.....	24	24	-	22	-	92%
Symondsbury	50	48	2	47	2	98%
Stanton S.Gabriel.	30	25	5	24	2	96%
Whitchurch Canonicorum	25	20	5	8	2	40%
Wootton Fitzpaine.	30	26	4	26	2	100%
The Limes, Charmouth .	27	26	1	26	1	100%
TOTALS	807	646	161	608	137	92%

Approximate number of children 5-15 age group
 immunised during 1943 99

Diphtheria Immunisation. Continued.

Table showing progress of immunisation among pre-school children during the year.: -

Month.	Maternity and Child Welfare Centres.			School Clinics. (Villages)		
	1st	Inject:	2nd.	1st	Inject:	2nd.
January	8	7	4	4
February	4	8	-	11
March	3	6	17	12
April	1	4	6	14
May	7	4	4	14
June	-	7	4	4
July	2	-	-	-
August	8	5	4	2
September	3	9	9	-
October	4	2	8	7
November	3	3	1	-
December	1	1	2	2
TOTALS	44	56	59	70

Total number of children in 0 - 5 age group completed immunisation during the year	126
Estimated number of children in 0 - 5 age group in the district....	477
Total number of above now immunised	440
Percentage	92%

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